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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS - BARBADOS 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LEGISLA-
TION

REF: BRIDGETOWN 990, GENEVA 5286

1. DELOFF (TAFT) MET WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL BROWN ON
APRIL 21 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT LEGISLATION. DELOFF INDICATED
THAT US ONLY RECOGNIZED TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS OF THREE
NAUTICAL MILES AND NOTED 12-MILE LIMIT IN PROPOSED LEGISLA-
TION. DELOFF INDICATED THAT US DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH
LEGISLATION AND IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF BARBADOS
DELETE THE PROVISIONS OF LEGISLATION THAT PURPORT TO

REQUIRE FOREIGN WARSHIPS TO DBTAIN PRIOR PERMISSION BEFORE
NAVIGATING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE INDICATED THAT IN
LIEU OF SUCH A PROVISION ARTICLE 30 OF THE ICNT SHOULD BE
INSERTED. BROWN INDICATED THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO BARBADOS
HE WOULD SEEK THAT CHANGE.

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2. DELOFF INDICATED THAT THE SECTION OF THE LEGISLATION
WHICH INDICATES THE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NON-INNOCENT COULD
USEFULLY BE BROUGHT INTO CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 19 OF THE
ICNT. BROWN INDICATED THAT CERTAIN CHANGES MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH HE WAS LESS FIRM IN THIS REGARD THAN ON
MATTERS RAISED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. DELOFF INDICATED TO BROWN THAT CHARTS ILLUSTRATING
BASELINES AND LIMITS OF BARBADOS ARE BEING PREPARED AND
HOPEFULLY WILL ARRIVE BEFORE HE DEPARTS GENEVA ON APRIL 28.
BROWN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED US EFFORT IN THIS REGARD.
RICHARDSON

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